

PER CAPITA MEDICAL EXPENDITURES

On a per capita basis DOC medical expenditures decreased 3.3% in FY 2001, increased 6.7% in FY 2002, increased .3% in FY 2003 and increased 6.1% in FY 2004. It is very difficult to predict medical costs, however generally speaking the fluctuations may be attributed to inflation, an increase in the number of inmates requiring expensive HIV and Hepatitis C treatment, rising inpatient medical service costs, and an aging offender population. Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield (formerly known as Trigon) is the third party health services administrator for the Department of Corrections. During FY 2004, Anthem bills were lower when compared to FY 2003 for outpatient and professional services by -20.10%, and -16.95%, respectively, while the cost of inpatient services and drugs rose by 11.79% and 8.14%, in the Anthem bills. These percentages exclude the impact of approximately \$2 million in repayments to Prison Health Services for costs incurred, but for which the DOC was responsible as well as the impact of procuring HIV Antiretroviral drugs purchased in FY 04 from MCV Hospital (previously paid through Anthem).

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